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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jingyue Ju et al.  
U.S. Serial No. : 09/823,181 Group Art Unit: 1634  
Filed : March 30, 2001 Examiner: A. Chakrabarti  
For : HIGH-FIDELITY DNA SEQUENCING USING  
SOLID PHASE CAPTURABLE  
DIDEOXYNUCLEOTIDES AND MASS  
SPECTROMETRY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 3, 2002 OFFICE ACTION,  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT,  
AND PETITION FOR A TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued April 3, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 3, 2002 Office Action was due July 3, 2002. Applicants herewith petition for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the April 3, 2002 Office Action. The fee for a two month extension of time for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00), and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a two month extension of time, a response to the April 3, 2002 Office Action is due September 3, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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